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1. RECENT ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA (OCT 26) SHEDS FURTHER LIGHT ON ACTIVITIES OF USSR MINISTRY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY (MCEI). ARTICLE CONCERNS PROBLEM OF LOW-QUALITY COLOR TELEVISION SETS AND LIMITED RANGE OF MODELS, AND FEATURES RESPONSE BY ONE V. SAMARIN, "MEMBER OF THE COLLEGIUM" OF MCEI. SAMARIN STATES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR TELEVISION PRODUCTION RESIDES IN HIS NEWLY-ESTABLISHED (VONOV' SOZDANNOYE) MINISTRY.

2. COMMENT: TRANSFER OF TELEVISION PRODUCTION, FORMERLY A FUNCTION OF USSR MINISTRY OF THE RADIO INDUSTRY, TO NEW MINISTRY WOULD APPEAR TO BEAR OUT LIKELIHOOD THAT MCEI BEING FORMED LARGELY FROM RANKS OF RADIO INDUSTRY MINISTRY (SEE REF B). STOESSEL

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